

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2011. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11-13, 15, 16, 18-20 and 22-27 are pending in the Application. Claims 1, 8, 15 and 22 are independent claims.

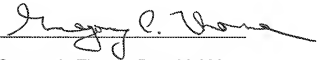
The Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 22, 26 and 27 are allowed.

In the interest of advancing consideration and allowance of the pending application, the Applicants have elected to amend claims 1, 8 and 15 to include the subject matter indicated as allowable from claim 22. Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that the independent claims are patentable and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. The dependent claims respectively depend from one of the independent claims and accordingly are allowable for at least this reason as well as for the separately patentable elements contained in each of the claims. Accordingly, separate consideration of each of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

Applicants have made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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